THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Regional Plan—NCR 2001 has come into effect from 23rd Jan., 1989. Expenditure incurred during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 is Rs. 33.25 crores. Provisions for the year 1991-92 for the NCR Board are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores)
(a) Budgetary support . .	14.00
(b) Internal Resources . .	7.50

(b) Out of the total of 53 schemes taken up in the State Sector in the Region, 32 have been completed and the others are in progress. A total of 6973 acres of land has been acquired and approximately 5283 acres developed for housing, commercial activity and employment generation. The rates of growth as indicated in the provisional census figures of 1991 are as under :—

(i) Delhi Urban Agglomeration 46.19%

(ii) U.P. Sub Region of NCR 67.68%

(iii) Haryana Sub Region of NCR 53.36%

(iv) Rajasthan Sub Region of NCR 46.75%

Hence it is not correct to say that the rate of growth of population in Delhi during the last decade is much higher than in the sattelite towns in U.P., Haryana and Rajasthan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is not correct to say that the concept of NCR has failed. Government is taking various steps for phased implementation of the NCR Plan.

(e) The Regional Plan-NCR 2001 has proposed a package of policy measures relating to population, settlement system, development of infrastructure and employment activities, and decentralisation of economic activities from Delhi which is to be implemented in a phased manner.

Proposal for construction of New Railway lines in Maharashtra

191. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have sent some proposals to the Union Government for construction of new Railway lines and conversion to metre gauge lines into broad gauge in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following railway projects have been recommended by the Government of Maharashtra :—

(i) Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad MG section into BG and subsequently extending it upto Parli Vaijnath and Adilabad.

(ii) Conversion of Latur-Barsi-Pandharpur-Miraj NG section and extending it upto Latur Road and laying a new railway line joining Osmanabad with this line.

(iii) Construction of a new broad gauge line from Ahmednagar to Parli Vaijnath *via* Beed.

(iv) New BG line from Khamgaon to Jalna.

(v) Conversion of Chandrapur-Gondia Jabalpur NG to BG.

(vi) Conversion of Daund-Baramati NG line to BG.

(c) Government of Maharashtra had proposed setting up Corporation for (i) to (v) projects above. Survey reports for the projects at (i) to (iv) indicate that these would not be financially remunera-

tive. Survey for project at (v) has been taken up. No survey for project at (vi) has so far been done. Moreover owing to acute resource crunch it is not possible to consider this project for the present. However, while sanctioning Konkan Railway Project, Ministry of Finance had laid down that no more such Corporations would be considered during the 8th Plan.

Development of cities in Maharashtra

192. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities developed under the Urban Basic Services Scheme in Maharashtra during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) the names of the cities selected for the implementation of the said scheme in Maharashtra during the year 1991-92 and the total funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Scheme of Urban Basic Services was implemented in the Municipal Councils of Khed, Chiplun, Rajapur and Ratnagiri of Ratnagiri District and in the Municipal Councils of Malvan, Sawantwdi and Vengurla of Sindhudurg District during 1986—90.

(b) Government of Maharashtra has selected the following fifteen towns under the revised Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor launched from 1-4-1991:

(1) Parbani (2) Beed (3) Chandrapur (4) Osmanabad (5) Akola (6) Dhule (7) Malegaon (8) Manmad (9) Bhandara (10) Gondia (11) Bhusawal (12) Chalisgaon (13) Jalana (14) Latur 15) Chopda.

A tentative allocation of Rs. 189 lakhs has been made for the State during 1991-92 under this Scheme.

वाराणसी रेलवे स्टेशन का विस्तार और सौन्दर्यीकरण

193. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वाराणसी रेलवे स्टेशन के विस्तार तथा सौन्दर्यीकरण की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान वाराणसी रेलवे स्टेशन पर कितनी राशि खर्च की जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) सौंदर्यवर्धन सहित स्टेशन का विस्तार करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है तथा जिसे अपेक्षित यातायात के अनुसार किया जाता है जो सापेक्ष प्राथमिकताओं और धन की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करता है । वाराणसी स्टेशन का हाल ही में 2.58 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से व्यापक नवीकरण किया गया है तथा सुन्दर बनाया गया है । 91.00 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत के अतिरिक्त प्लेटफार्म की व्यवस्था तथा एक प्लेटफार्म का विस्तार करने के कार्य भी शुरू किये गये हैं ।

(ख) 6.00 लाख रुपये ।

Privatisation of Vizag Steel Plant

194. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on any proposal to privatise the Vizag Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of non-flat category of Steel

195. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1792 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd